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The Honorable Bruce F. Duke Deputy Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Joint Application of BellSouth BSE, Inc. and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. for Approval of

Merger

Docket No. 2004-45-C Our File No. 04-7013

Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed are the original and eleven copies of the Petition to Intervene of MCI. Would you please file the original, returning a clocked copy to me. Thank you for your assistance.

By copy of this letter I am serving all counsel of record by mail and electronically.

Very truly yours,

WOODWARD, COTHRAN & HERNDON

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Enclosures.

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